GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

MINES & MINERALS – Major Minerals - Auctions - Appointment of Nodal Officer under Section 8B of the MMDR Act, 1957 and Rule 9A of the M(OAH) Concession Rules, 2016 for vesting of clearances in respect of expired blocks - Orders - Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (M.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.152 Dated:03.09.2025

Read the following:

1. MMDR Amendment Act, 2021 (No. 16 of 2021), dt.28.03.2021.
2. Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2021 issued vide G.S.R. 775 (E), dt.02.11.2021.
3. Notification No:2796169/P-T4/2025, date:18.08.2025 of C&DM&G, AP, Vijayawada.
4. From the Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology, AP, single e-file bearing Comp No.2951122, Date:26.08.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology, has issued Notices Inviting Tender (NITs) on 20th August 2025 in respect of two expired and one (1) new Manganese mining leases viz., Devada-2, Garividi and Garraju Cheepurupalli blocks in Viziayanagaram District, for the purpose of grant of Mining Lease through e-auction under the provisions of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, its subsequent amendments and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015.

2. In the e-file 4th read above, the Commissioner and Director of Mines & Geology has requested the Government to appoint a nodal officer at the level of secretary under Rule 9 A (1) of the Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbon Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016, for the purpose of collecting and vesting statutory clearances in respect of expired mining leases auctioned as per Mineral Auction Rules.

3. Government, after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner & Director of Mines, hereby appoints Principal Secretary/Secretary to Government, Industries and Commerce (Mines) Department, as the Nodal Officer under Rule 9A (1) of the Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbon Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.

4. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for:

(a) Collect all valid statutory clearances from the expired leaseholders.

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(b) Coordinate with concerned departments (Environment, Forest, Pollution Control Board, Revenue, etc.) for validation.
(c) Facilitate the vesting of these clearances to the new lessees as mandated under the Act and Rules.
(d) Monitor adherence to the deemed validity period under applicable rules.

5. The Commissioner & Director of Mines & Geology shall extend all necessary support to the Nodal Officer to ensure smooth implementation of these provisions and timely operationalization of auctioned mineral blocks.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PRAVIN KUMAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

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The OSD to Minister (Mines & Geology)
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